

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5781.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 40, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua, was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H5824

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5827.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5792, H5792-93, H5794-95, H5795-96, H5796, H5797-98, H5803, and H5804-05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL MEASURES OF RACE AND ETHNICITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE 2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Federal Measures of Race and Ethnicity and the Implications for the 2000 Census. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sawyer, Petri, Waters and Conyers; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Isabelle Katz Pinzler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Nancy Gordon, Associate Director, Demographic Programs, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 28 through August 2, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 1048, Transportation Appropriations, 1998, and may consider S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1022, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

Also during the week, Senate expects to consider S. 39, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, Conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, July 29, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the effect of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (P.L. 104-127) on price and income volatility, and the proper role of the Federal government to manage volatility and protect the integrity of agricultural markets, 9 a.m., SR-332.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how trade opportunities and international agricultural research can stimulate economic growth in Africa, thereby enhancing African food security and increasing U.S. exports, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 29, to hold hearings to examine automatic teller machine (ATM) surcharges and fees, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 30, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine how financial institutions' regulators are managing problems leading into the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 29, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to the Global Tobacco settlement litigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

July 30, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on the regulation of international satellites, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 268, to regulate flights over national parks, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 29, to hold hearings on S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, and S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the management and operations of concession programs within the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the organizational structure, staffing, and budget of the Forest Service for the Alaska region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 30, to hold hearings on S. 1059, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 29, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Dale Kauzlarich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, James W. Pardew, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans, Anne Marie Sigmund, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Keith C. Smith, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Hong Kong for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders signed at Hong Kong on December 20, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-3), S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: July 28, to hold hearings on the nominations of George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and Janice R. Lachance, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2 p.m., SD-342.

July 28, Full Committee, closed business meeting, to discuss certain issues relating to the special investigation on campaign financing, 4:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

July 29, 30 and 31, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 28, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on the 1996 bombing at the Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, and the FBI's interrogation of Richard Jewell in connection with the bombing, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 28, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on S. 474, to prohibit gambling on the Internet, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the copyright infringement liability of on-line and Internet service providers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 29, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to resume hearings to examine issues with regard to the constitutional role of federal judges to decide cases and controversies, focusing on the problem and impact of judicial activism, whereby federal judges' decisions are based on policy preferences, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 30, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed Global Tobacco Settlement which will mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 31, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to review annual refugee admissions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the status of educational opportunities for low-income children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 30 and 31, business meeting, to consider the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 30, business meeting, to mark up S. 569, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 to provide for retention by an Indian tribe of exclusive jurisdiction over child custody proceedings involving Indian children and other related requirements; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Trustee's strategic plan to reform the management of Indian trust funds, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 29 and 30, closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 28, to hold hearings to examine the amount of fraud in the home health care system and ways to identify and deter fraud, waste and abuse in health care, 1 p.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

Monday: Consideration of 11 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1855, Establishing a Moratorium on Large Fishing Vessels in Atlantic Herring and Mackerel Fisheries;

2. H. Con. Res. 124, Sense of Congress Regarding Acts of Illegal Aggression by Canadian Fishermen with Respect to Pacific Salmon Fishery;

3. H. Con. Res. 98, Authorizing the use of the Capitol for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check;

4. H.R. 2005, Death on the High Seas Act;

5. H.R. 1596, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1997;

6. H.R. 1953, To Clarify State Authority to Tax Compensation Paid to Certain Employees;

7. H. Con. Res. 75, Sense of Congress that States Should Work More Aggressively to Attack the Problem of Repeat Criminals;

8. H.R. 103, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997;

9. H.R. 1109, To Eliminate the Special Transition Rule for Issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship for Children of a U.S. Citizen Born Abroad;

10. H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; and

11. Concur in Senate Amendment to H.R. 1866, Charitable Donation Antitrust Immunity Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 2209, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (modified closed rule).

The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour Debate. No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday and the balance of the week: Consideration of H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 (unanimous consent agreement);

Consideration of H.R. 2266, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2264, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act of 1997 Conference Report (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 Conference Report (subject to a rule).

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 30, to review the U.S. Forest Service's Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan, 10:00 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 28, to consider the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 3:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, July 29, hearing on Government Performance And Results Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review the Department of the Treasury's Proposed Regulations for Money Service Businesses, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, July 28 and 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9, 1:00 p.m., 2123 Rayburn on July 28 and 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on July 29.

July 30, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10:00 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Title VI of the Clean Air Act and the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, 10:00 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Operation of the Superfund Program, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 29, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to continue hearings on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing to review the Davis-Bacon Act, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 31, full Committee, hearing on "Literacy: A Review of Current Federal Programs", 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, July 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing of Statistical Proposals, 2:00 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Agency Mistakes in Federal Retirement: Who Pays the Price?", 9:00 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on "FDA Oversight: Blood Safety and the Implications of Pool Sizes in the Manufacture of Plasma Derivatives", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, July 30, hearing on the Threat to the United States from Emerging Infectious Diseases, 10:00 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 29, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the EPA's rulemaking on National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particular Matter and Ozone, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Crime, to continue oversight hearings on the activities of the FBI, focusing on the Olympic Park bombing and the investigation of Richard Jewell, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider a motion to request a report by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on a private bill, time to be announced, Rayburn Room, Capitol.

Committee on National Security, July 29, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Reserve Component issues resulting from the Quadrennial Defense Review, 2:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 30, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption Act, and its impact on U.S. national security, 10:00 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, July 29, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 2007, to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project; followed by a markup of the following bills: H.R. 2007, and H.R. 134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain Water Storage Project, and for other purposes, 2:00 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 30, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1948, the Hood Bay Land Exchange Act of 1997, 11:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans hearing on H.R. 1787, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; to be followed by a markup of pending business, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Strategic Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to markup the following bills: S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; H.R. 1567, to provide for the designation of additional wilderness lands in the eastern United States; H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; and H.R. 708 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain lands within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, WY, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 28, to consider the following: H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 7 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, July 28, Subcommittee on Technology, to markup H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997, 4 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 29, full Committee, to markup the following bills: H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997; H.R. 922, Human Cloning Research Prohibition Act of 1997; and H.R. 2249, to reauthorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1997 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 30, hearing on Demanding Results: Implementing the Government Performance and Results Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and the Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 30, to markup the "AMTRAK Reform and Privatization Act of 1997", 10:00 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Relations between the U. S. and France, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 30, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive hearing on Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office (DARO), 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 31, full Committee, executive, to consider pending business; to be followed by an executive briefing on Encryption, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: August 1, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for July, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Conferees: July 29, on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for the fiscal years 1998 and 1999, 10 a.m., room to be announced.